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SUBJ: MALIAN PRESS COVERAGE U.S. AIRLIFT

1. ARRIVAL THREE U.S. PLANES AND CREWS FOR OPERATION KING GRAIN SPARKED ONE OF MALI'S MOST IN-DEPTH PRESS COVERAGE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THIS COUNTRY IN YEARS. ALTHOUGH THE FIRST PLANE'S ARRIVAL TIME WAS SCHEDULED FOR 0710 ON SUNDAY MORNING, DROUGHT RELIEF COORDINATOR DOUKARA HAD OBVIOUSLY GIVEN THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS FOR RADIO, PRESS AND NEWSREEL UNITS TO BE ON HAND. RADIO MALI RECORDED A STATEMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR ON THE PLANES' ARRIVAL AND INTERVIEWED COL SOLOMON HARP AND CAPT ALIOU TRAORE, COMMANDER OF MALIAN AIR FORCE. INTERVIEWS WITH INTRO BY REPORTERS WERE CARRIED ON RADIO MALI'S BROADCASTS IN FRENCH WITH SUMMARIES AIRED IN BAMBARA. L'ESSOR GAVE THE STORY LEAD PLAY IN ITS EDITION OF JUNE 18 AND THE STATE NEWSREEL ORGANIZATION, SCINFOMA, RECORDED ARRIVAL ACTIVITIES ON FILM.

2. COMMENT: THIS UNUSUAL COVERAGE OF U.S. ACTIVITIES IS FIRST EVIDENCE OF GOM CLAIM THAT U.S.-MALI RELATIONS HAVE IMPROVED SUBSTANTIALLY (ON U.S. ISSUES GOM STILL VOTES CONSISTENTLY AGAINST U.S. INTERESTS). HOWEVER, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT SIMILAR AIRLIFTS IN FEBRUARY-
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